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Governor's Safety and Health Award Goes to Carhartt in Edmonton

Clothing factory has worked more than half a million hours without a lost-time incident

EDMONTON, Ky. (Aug. 20, 2014) – Deputy Secretary Rocky Comito of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet today joined company officials from Carhartt in Edmonton to recognize employees for earning the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The clothing manufacturer has not had a lost-time incident in more than 500,000 work hours, going back to November 2011.

Labor Cabinet Secretary Larry L. Roberts applauded the company's dedication to safety.

"To go half a million hours without a lost-time incident is an outstanding achievement, and something everybody at Carhartt can be proud to accomplish," said Secretary Roberts. "Employees are the key to the success of any company, and it's obvious that Carhartt in Edmonton recognizes their importance."

Carhartt manufactures apparel for workers on and off the job. Established in 1889, the company is family-owned. Descendants of the company's founder, Hamilton Carhartt, still operate the company, which has grown to employ about 4,400 people worldwide.

The facility in Edmonton currently has approximately 140 employees. The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 227 represents the employees at Carhartt in Edmonton.

“It is such a great honor for our Carhartt Edmonton facility to receive the Governor’s Safety and Health Award from the Commonwealth of Kentucky,” said Phil Edlin, senior vice president of supply chain at Carhartt. “The associates at Edmonton have continued to prioritize the importance of safety in their workplace, and it is such a great part of their legacy. A half a million hours without a lost-time accident is such a great accomplishment, and we are so proud of them for this important milestone.”

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of Carhartt, the requirement is 500,000.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on Carhartt, visit www.carhartt.com.

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responsibilities, power, and authority relating to labor, wage and hour issues, occupational safety and health of employees, child labor, apprenticeship, workers' compensation insurance, and all other matters under the jurisdiction of the Labor Cabinet. For more information, visit www.labor.ky.gov.

